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SUBJECT: SOVIET PRESS SUMMARY - JANUARY 15-17

1. U.S. COVERAGE: HEAVY TREATMENT OVER WEEKEND INCLUDED SEVERAL LONG ARTICLES CONTINUING THEME OF MILITARY-INDUSTRIAL HAWKS CAMPAIGNING TO UNDERCUT DETENTE AND GOOD INTENTIONS OF CARTER ADMINISTRATION IN ARMS CONTROL AND DEFENSE POLICY. PRAVDA'S INTERNATIONAL WEEK REVIEW BY OLEG SKALKIN INCLUDED OUTGOING FORD ADMINISTRATION IN FORMER GROUP. ON SIDE OF THE GOOD ARE, ACCORDING TO TASS NEW YORK ITEM IN PRAVDA JAN 15, NUMBER OF U.S. ORGANIZATIONS AND INDIVIDUALS, MOST NOTABLY ADA AND MCGOVERN FIGHTING TO CONTROL ARMS RACE AND COUNTER MYTH OF "SOVIET THREAT."

--NEGATIVE COVERAGE FEATURES PRAVDA JAN 15 ARTICLE FROM TASS NEW YORK ON "VICTIMS OF THE SYSTEM", CONTRASTING NARCOTICS TRAFFICKERS WITH RACIST, CAPITALIST ORDER WHICH EXPLOITS THEM. IZVESTIYA JAN 15 ALSO RUNS SHORT TASS NEW YORK PIECE ON "MANY NAZI WAR CRIMINALS" WHO TOOK REFUGE IN U.S. AND ARE UNDER PATRONAGE OF U.S. AUTHORITIES.  
--POSITIVE NOTE (IN KZ JAN 16) IS STORY ON SECRETARY OF COMMERCE RICHARDSON'S AND ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF TREASURY PARSKY'S REMARKS BEFORE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE URGING INCREASED EAST-WEST TRADE.

2. OTHER COVERAGE:  
--HEAVY COVERAGE OF WORLD FORUM OF PEACE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FORCES MEETING IN MOSCOW CONTINUES OVER WEEKEND INCLUDING BREZHNEV'S UNNOTEWORTHY MESSAGE TO ASSEMBLAGE DELEVERED BY PONOMAREV.

--SEVERAL ARTICLES OVER WEEKEND REPORT ON DISPUTE OVER AUSTRIAN RIGHT TO POSSESS MISSILES. DEFMIN LUETGENDORF'S CONTENTION THAT AUSTRIA CAN HAVE MISSILES IS IN JAN 15 PRAVDA, FOLLOWED BY QUOTES FROM AUSTRIAN PRESS IN IZVESTIYA SAME DAY PROTESTING CONTENTION, AND WRAP-UP IN KZ JAN 16 REPORTING KREIZKY'S REJECTION OF LUETGENDORF'S STATEMENT AND ASSERTION THAT AFFAIR IS CLOSED.

--ITALIAN FONMIN VISIT USED IN PRAVDA'S INTERNATIONAL WEEK, JAN 16, AS OCCASION TO PRAISE GOOD STATE OF ITALO-SOVIET RELATIONS AND TO MENTION TWICE IN SAME COLUMN IMPORTANCE OF NON-UNCLEAR-FIRST-USE TREATY FOR EUROPEAN SECURITY. IZVESTIYA JAN 15 PRINTS TEXT OF COMMUNIQUE (SEPTTEL).

--IZVESTIYA JAN 15 HAS COMMENTARY STRESSING BLEAK OUTLOOK FOR EC IN 1977. CANADA GETS SIMILAR,

BUT BETTER, TREATMENT IN PRAVDA JAN 16 IN ARTICLE WHICH  
NOTES THAT ECONOMIC SITUATION WILL GET WORSE IN 1977  
UNLESS GOVERNMENT TAKES ACTION NOW.  
--AMONG SEVERAL ITEMS ON SPAIN IS ONE MENTIONING  
PCE CALL FOR PASSPORT FOR DELORES IBARRURI SO SHE CAN  
REENTER SPAIN.  
--ALL CENTRAL PRESS JAN 15 MENTION PROMOTION  
OF KULIKOV AND OGARKOV TO MARSHAL OF USSR (SEPTTEL).  
--IZVESTIYA JAN 15 HAS REPORT OF EXCHANGE OF  
REMARKS ON BENEFITS OF TRADE MADE BY FRENCH  
PRESIDENT GISCARD AND SOVIET DEPUTY PREMIER KIRILLIN  
ON OCCASION OF LATTER'S VISIT TO NEW INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX  
IN ISSOIRE TO WHICH SOVIETS CONTRIBUTED.  
--JAN 15 PRAVDA HAS ARTICLE BY K. GEYVANDOV  
ON SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF TRANSFER OF HEAVY WEAPONS  
FROM CONFLICTING SIDES IN LEBANON TO ARAB SECURITY  
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STRICTLY CARRY OUT CONDITIONS OF 1969 CAIRO AGREEMENT.  
GEYVANDOV SAYS PLO LEADERSHIP HAS "ANALOGOUS" INTENTION.  
--JAN 16 PRAVDA CARRIES ARTICLE BY A. VASIL'YEV  
ON PARTIALLY SUCCESSFUL RESULTS OF SIX YEARS OF OPERATION  
OF ASWAM DAM AND JAN 15 IZVESTIYA NOTES CEREMONIAL  
EVENING AT MOSCOW FRIENDSHIP HOUSE DEVOTED TO DAM'S  
SIXTH ANNIVERSARY.  
--JAN 15 IZVESTIYA NOTES ARRIVAL IN TUNISIA OF  
FIRST GROUP OF SOVIET EXPERTS IN FIELD OF HYDROELECTRIC  
ENGINEERING.

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--V. KOROVIKOV IN JAN 16 PRAVDA CITES WESTERN  
PRESS ON AMERICAN MERCENARIES IN RHODESIA. KOROVIKOV  
SAYS MANY OF MERCENARIES ARE VIETNAM VETERANS  
WHO ARE SEEKING REVENGE FOR THEIR DEFEAT IN THAT  
COUNTRY.  
--JAN 16 KZ HAS TASS MAPUTO ARTICLE ON OPENING  
BY ZIMBABWE GUERRILLAS OF "FOURTH FRONT" IN NORTHERN  
RHODESIA.  
--JAN 15 IZVESTIYA IN TASS N.Y. ARTICLE ON  
UNSC CONDEMNATION OF SMITH REGIME AGGRESSION AGAINST  
BOTSWANA SAYS SOME WESTERN COUNTRIES, "AND ABOVE ALL  
U.S.", EXTEND MILITARY AND OTHER ASSISTANCE TO ILLEGAL  
SMITH REGIME.  
--JAN 15 IZVESTIYA AND KZ NOTE PLANNED VISIT  
(LATTER HALF OF JANUARY) TO MAPUTO OF SOVIET NAVAL SQUADRON  
LED BY CRUISER "ODARENYYI."

--JAN 15 CENTRAL PRESS DESCRIBES AWARD OF ORDER OF LENIN TO LUIS CORVALAN. NEITHER PODGORNYY NOR CORVALAN SPEECHES ON OCCASION SEEM OUT OF THE ORDINARY AND NEITHER SPEECH MENTIONS U.S. SPECIFICALLY. CORVALAN ITALIAN TV INTERVIEW REPORTED IN JAN 15 IZVESTIYA SEEMS EQUALLY BLAND.

--JAN 15 PRAVDA HAS TASS BOGOTA ARTICLE ON RECENT REMARKS BY SECRETARY-GENERAL CC CP COLOMBIA GILBERTO VIEIRA WHITE ON OCCASION OF SERVICES FOR LATE JOST CABANIS. VIEIRA, AMONG OTHER THINGS, SAID REACTIONARY CIRCLES OF COLOMBIAN ARMY WITH ASSISTANCE OF CIA WAS CARRYING OUT PLANS FOR PHYSICALLY ELIMINATING ACTIVITIES OF NATIONAL UNION OF OPPOSITION.

--JAN 15 PRAVDA "COMMENTATOR'S COLUMN" BY G. ZAFESOV DESCRIBES STRUGGLE OF PANAMANIAN FOR ACHIEVEMENT OF "LEGITIMATE DEMANDS" IN U.S.-PANAMA LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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NEGOTIATIONS.

--JAN 16 KZ "INTERNATIONAL MILITARY-POLITICAL REVIEW" COLUMN BY V. POSTOV AND V. CHURSANOV REPEATS STANDARD SOVIET LINE ON PENTAGON CONTROL OVER LA MILITARY THROUGH CENTRAL AMERICAN DEFENSE COUNCIL AND OTHER MEANS. AUTHORS CITE RECENT BROOKINGS INSTITUTION STUDY ON U.S. USE OF FORCE 215 TIMES BETWEEN 1946 AND 1975.

--JAN 15 CENTRAL PRESS CARRIES TASS PEKING ARTICLE WHICH CITES LOCAL PRESS ON BEGINNING OF PURGE OF PARTY, GOVERNMENT, AND ARMY CADRE. ACCORDING TO TASS RECENT WALL POSTERS HAVE CRITICIZED WU TEH, CHEN HSI-LIEN, LIU HSIEN-PING, WANG HAI-JUNG AND OTHERS. "FOREIGN JOURNALISTS" IN PEKING HAVE NOTED, SAYS TASS, RECENT DISAPPEARANCE FROM PAPERS OF NAMES OF CHIEF EDITORS OF JENMIN JIH PAO AND KUANG MIN JIH PAO AS WELL AS CHIEF OF CENTRAL RADIO BROADCASTING. DEMONSTRATION DEMANDING REHABILITATION OF TENG HSIAO-PING ARE REPORTED IN VICINITY OF TIENANMEN SQUARE. FINALLY, REUTERS CITES CHINESE SOURCE ON LOCAL DISTURBANCES IN FOUR PROVINCES INCLUDING "STRATEGICALLY IMPORTANT" FUKIEN.

--I. SHCHEDROV REPORTS IN JAN 16 PRAVDA FROM BANGKOK ON RECENT PRESS CONFERENCE BY THAI FIELD MARSHAL PRAPAT CHARUSAT'EN (PHONETIC) IN WHICH LATTER EXPLAINED REASON FOR WITHDRAWAL OF U.S. TROOPS IN 1976. JAN 14 IZVESTIYA "PRESS-SERVICE" SPECULATES ON RECENT TALKS CONDUCTED BY ADMIRAL WIESNER, CINCPAC, WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THAI GOVERNMENT.

--JAN 15 KZ HAS LENGTHY CRITICAL ARTICLE BY YU. LUGOVSKIY TAKING OFF FROM REPORTED RECENT SUGGESTION BY THAI PM THAT ASEAN SHOULD ACQUIRE THE FUNCTION OF

A MILITARY ALLIANCE.

--JAN 16 PRAVDA "COMMENTATOR'S COLUMN" BY

A. MASLENNIKOV DESCRIBES SUCCESS OF PAKISTANI LAND REFORM  
EFFORT.

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--MONGOLIAN ITEMS CELEBRATING FIRST YEAR OF

SIXTH FYP (IZVESTIYA JAN 15, BY SERGEYEV)

AND THIRTY-FIRST YEAR OF SOVIET-MONGOLIAN FRIENDSHIP  
TREATY (PRAVDA JAN 15, BY KRIVEL') APPEAR TO ADD NOTHING  
TO GLORIOUS RECORD; HOWEVER, IN PRAISING CEMA-MONGOLIAN  
COOPERATION, SERGEYEV NOTES "UNIFICATION" OF SIBERIAN  
AND MONGOLIAN ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS.

--CZECHOSLOVAK-CSCE ITEM-OF-THE-WEEKEND IS

IZVESTIYA JAN 14 USTINOV INTERVIEW WITH CESKE BUDEJOVICE  
FAMILY VITEZLAV (PHON), WHO EMIGRATED TO AMERICAN HARD  
TIMES (UNEMPLOYMENT, ODD JOBS, SMALL APARTMENTS, RULE  
OF MONEY) IN 1969 AND RETURNED HOME ("THE SITUATION  
HAD LONG STABILIZED") IN 1973.

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